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Report Highlights:

Turkey has again delayed the implementation of a Product Verification Monitoring System (PVMS) for another six months. The system, which targets six food categories, after earlier postponements was scheduled to go into effect on December 31, 2016, but has now been postponed until June 30, 2017. The categories include: food supplements; honey; energy drinks; black tea; vegetable oil; infant formulas, follow-on formulas, and supplementary baby foods.

Fifth Delay in Product Verification Monitoring System Implementation

Turkey has delayed implementation of PVMS for another six months. The system was originally scheduled to go into effect on December 31, 2013. However, the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock (MINFAL) has issued notices four times which delay its implementation until August 31, 2014, March 1, 2015, December 31, 2015 and then December 31, 2016.

On January 2, 2017, MINFAL, announced the fifth delay of its implementation until June 30, 2017 on the Ministry's web site:

<http://www.tarim.gov.tr/GKGM/Duyuru/252/Urun-Dogrulama-Ve-Takip-Sistemi-udts>

The PVMS is now scheduled to be implemented on June 30, 2016, and will apply to products in six food categories: food supplements; honey; energy drinks; black tea; vegetable oil; infant formulas, follow-on formulas, and supplementary baby foods.

For more information on the system, please see FAS Turkey's GAIN Report "[Turkey Again Delays Implementation of New Labeling System PVMS](#)" dated January 1, 2016.

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